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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869G-086500US
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KOUJI KATAOKA

Application No.: 10/665,917

Filed: September 17, 2003

For: MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD
WITH ANTI-FERROMAGNETIC
LAYER HAVING NON-MAGNETIC
REGIONS ON BOTH ENDS (as
amended)

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7065

Examiner: Craig A. Renner

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2627

RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and in response to the Office Action including final rejection of the claims mailed November 27, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.